

Roanoke Now in First Place---Petersburg Loses

GOOBERS DEFEATED BY HUSTLING COLTS, DROPPING TO SECOND

Ayers, Though Out Batted Wins His Game, Busch's Error, and Timely Hitting Being Morganrath's Undoing—Laughlin's Triple With Anthony's Blow Responsible for Only Petersburg Count.

Petersburg, Va., September 3.—Our oldtime friend Mephistopheles may have charge of the nether regions. It may be that his lofty fall caused something of a flutter among the neighbors when he suffered that ancient and not quite honorable descent. But his dive savors of puerile efforts when the precipitous flight of the Goobers is remembered.

It happened in this ball yard over here, where the grass grows with anemic infrequency and the bouyancy of the fan is as ever-springing as the midsummer daisy. Heinrich Busch is now grappling with the fates and drawing pen pictures of a peaceful domicile which was to have cost \$3,000 did he win the pennant. Letting the news fly without any frills, those haughty Goobers are now in second place, just atop of the Colts and barely behind the Tigers, who gained the coveted position by again taking a fall out of the lowly Shipbuilders.

Dr. Yancey Wyatt Ayers turned the trick and brought home a 3-to-1 victory for Manager Griffith. Now they over in this noisome city are willing and anxious to have Richmond duplicate that particular and historic dive of which we have briefly spoken.

It was one of the few contests we can recall in which the Colts battled to the crest of the cliff, and was a line with more frequency. Doctor Ayers was by no means stingy and time and again was assailed cruelly by the home folks. Jim Laughlin was the chief offender in this regard, and the crowd was so loud in its cheering that the Colts were forced to play with their heads down. Jack Anthony, being hit and only time the crowd were told by those applying pressure of the ground, and complete surprise.

The victory came as a complete surprise, certainly to the Richmond adherents who made the journey. Even more of a surprise was it to Mr. Busch. He had the plans and specifications all drawn for another disastrous downfall for the Colts. The argument being that his men failed to follow expectations. Doctor Ayers proved on the job and despite threats and accusations that he failed to occupy his particular spot which is in the center of the precious plat, heaved truthfully and well.


Opposing him was that demon of slowness, Morganrath, the same fellow who lets dangle from his belt the carcass of many confidants wrought from the shabbiest of champions of the Virginia League. Unfortunately Mr. Morganrath was not quite as effective as on previous occasions. The darkness, which spread rapidly, since they now begin games in this chosen spot along about supper time—dinner, if you're rich—helped him out a good deal in making that. By the same token, that same darkness helped Doc Ayers. His fast ball was working better than it has done for some time which completely disarmed the defensive forces. On the other hand Morganrath was not so effective as he had been in the past. The shades gathered.

Frank Norcum Debut.


Next to the importance of winning the game is the announcement that Frank Norcum is to appear in our midst. When he was last here he was a pitcher, and strange to say he was a suit and order by the Petersburg management. That was way back in 1910 and 1911 and he was willing to admit that they can remember back that long. But Frank is here now as a pitcher, and he has been a regular for several years and he has been a regular for several years and he has been a regular for several years.

Laughlin broke the stillness with his triple, which came over second, and Jack Anthony, with a short drive over the home fence, put the Goobers in the lead. The crowd was so loud in its cheering that the Colts were forced to play with their heads down. Jack Anthony, being hit and only time the crowd were told by those applying pressure of the ground, and complete surprise.

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PIRATES LOSE IN FIRST INNING

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